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Saturday, June 17, 2006

-- Political Science professor and former dean of the American University in Kuwait Dr. Shafiq Nazim Al-Ghabra editorialized in moderate Arabic daily Al-Rai Al-Aam under the title "The Referendum on the Prisoners' Document and HAMAS' Government" (6/17): "HAMAS government's reaction to the popular referendum proposed by the Palestinian president on the Prisoners' Document complicates the already hard situation in Palestine. The referendum is an important idea because it allows the Palestinian people to vote on a political situation that has to do with the acceptance or refusal of the two state solution.... A few days ago hundreds of Israelis demonstrated against the Israeli bombing of Gaza, does this mean that Israel is on its way out of the state of unity against the Palestinians? We can say that more Israelis will differ from right-wing when more peaceful sentiments are expressed by the Palestinian street. We can also say that the referendum can be the catalyst for more Israeli difference on the coming era."

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